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Cuba, Spain Agree To Increase Trade

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HAVANA — An official of Premier Fidel Castro's regime stated Monday that Cuba and Spain had agreed in the face of United States opposition to intensify their trade over the next five years.

The government spokesman set the global volume of Spanish-Cuban exchanges in 1964 at more than $100 million. This figure is considerably higher than Spanish foreign trade statistics would indicate.

The official was Raul Roa Kouri, director of commercial policy concerning western countries in the foreign trade ministry here. He headed a Cuban mission that concluded trade talks in Madrid February 9, signing a commercial protocol for 1965.

Roa's published declarations Monday appeared to suggest that Spain had become Cuba's most important trade partner in western Europe, leaving behind Britain, France and the Netherlands.

He said that Spain would soon start delivery fishing boats, refrigerator ships and cargo vessels being built for Cuba in Spanish shipyards. He said Cuba had also bought on credit a number of buses and trucks from the Spanish state-owned Pegaso works and garbage trucks from the private Barreiros combine.